

# AURICLE

Tuesday, February 26, 1980. A Medical Society Publication #21.

With the elections scheduled for the end of March, and Assembly elections two weeks into April, we thought that it would be an exceptionally good idea to run a series of articles describing the different positions. It is only fair that we start off with the three most important positions--Editor(s) of the Auricle, and President and Vice-President of the Medical Society. John Murnaghan and Scott Donaghue, current holders of the latter two titles have written little promotional gems on what their positions require. Of course, they have left out the finer aspects of the jobs--free dinners, unlimited expense accounts, gas for their company cars, penthouse apartments, and last, but not least, a monthly box of Dutch Master cigars.

The Auricle editing job without a doubt, is the most responsible job available. Not only is there the large circulation of 1000, but one also has to keep track of the Report on Business, the Wining and Dining Guide, the Travel Section, and of course, the Editorial Department.

Apart from all of this glamour, the ability to cut and paste comes in very handy, as does the skill of composing makeshift editorials on the spur of the moment, i.e. at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. The editors are also supposed to report on the fun-filled Medical Society meetings (which, incidentally, must be attended on pain of death).

These wonderful creatures must also possess the oft overlooked talent of squeezing five pages of notices into four pages of copy, or, more difficult, stretching a one page contribution to fill four empty pages.

Editors must also be adept at making promises and promptly forgetting them, and conversely, extracting promises and persistently reminding those who made them. They must also have the charm (whips and chains) to entice people to contribute.

In conclusion, the editor has an exacting job, which requires a lot of gall, courage in the face of criticism, and determination in the face of spathy.

Anne Summers  
Pat Gallagher.

President: In addition to the responsibilities outlined in the Constitution

- 1) Chief Executive officer of the Medical Society
  - a) office problems
  - b) day to day running--answering letters, questions, etc.
  - c) coordinate activity of Society executive
- 2) Maintaining relations with outside organizations
  - a) Medical Alumni Association
  - b) represent student position & concerns outside the Faculty
  - c) represent U. of T. students at the Assoc. of Canadian Medical Colleges.
- 3) Faculty responsibilities
  - a) Board of Examiners
  - b) member of Faculty Council

In the role of president of the Medical Society, one has the responsibility to represent the student body outside the Faculty. This leads to interesting opportunities to meet outstanding individuals in the medical profession and within the University.

It also gives a student a great deal of insight into the operation of the Faculty and the forces which shape our education. The position on the Board of Examiners is also very interesting for a student to see how examinations are evaluated and the efforts made to help students succeed in Medical School.



The job of Vice President of the Medical Society attracted me for several reasons:

- 1) You are a member of the Society Executive
- 2) You have a position on Faculty Council
- 3) You share the work-load with the President.

The last point is a particular advantage. We decided at the beginning of our terms to divide the work-load according to our interests. I therefore became this school's representative to the Ontario and Canadian medical student organizations, while John handled the Alumni and matters with the Dean's Office.

I also had many smaller jobs--preparing agendas for Assembly meetings, looking after Alumni Lounge reservations, and a lot of incidental correspondence.

I think the biggest advantage of the VP position is that you take on only what you think you can handle.

Although I'd recommend it to anyone, I think at least 1 year as an Assembly rep. is a definite advantage, i.e. some knowledge of what goes on down in Rm. 2141 is almost essential to handle the job.

#### RIDDLE:

A man takes a daily nine mile walk. He walks 3 miles south, then 3 miles east and then 3 miles north again to return to his home. One morning on his walk, he sees a bear--what colour is it?

D. Riddler 8T1.

Answer next time!

#### YEARBOOK REFERENDUM:

The results of the Yearbook Referendum held on Monday, Feb. 25, 1980 are as follows:

71% of the students in 8T1, 8T2 and 8T3 voted,

85% of the vote was in favour of the \$2 increase.

12% of the vote was to maintain the present price.

3% of the vote was to discontinue the yearbook.

These results can now be used by the Medical Society Executive to negotiate for a \$2 increase in student fees.

## 2 Diagnosis & Management of Pulmonary Embolism

Dr. David Saboxin from Duke University will be speaking in the auditorium on this topic, Tuesday March 4 at 4p.m.. Pulmonary is a serious problem which requires accurate diagnosis and prompt treatment. Come and learn how this problem is being handled now!

John J. Murnaghan

## DAFFYDIL

In the final rehearsal we will run through the whole show, on Wed. Feb. 27 in St. Mike's Annex at 6p.m.. Everyone must be there and bring \$2.50 for the t-shirts.

The technical rehearsal will be in the Hart House Theatre on Mon. March 3, at 2p.m..

Daffydil tickets are now available at Hart House box office after 1p.m.. Great seats left for the Tues. and Wed. shows.

## POSTER CONTEST

This is a reminder of the poster contest for the Medical Society Lecture. You could win \$25 by designing the winning poster. The following must be included:

Title: Medical Society Lecture  
Microsurgery : Through the Looking Glass

Spesker: Dr. Rollin K. Daniel

Time: April 11, 1980, 1:00 - 2:00p.m.

Place: Medical Sciences Auditorium

Entries may be submitted to Mrs. Randall in the Med. Soc. office . The deadline is Feb. 28, 1980. For further information contact Nancy Kent, 961-3437

## NOTICES NOTICE

Contrary to popular belief, the Auricle is printed every week rain or shine, sleet or snow. For those who wish to have notices printed for the Wednesday must submit the notices, written double-spaced, on the Tuesday before noon. Any later than this and we cannot guarantee there will be room for the notice.